SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE AND SCHOOLS.

The work of Sir George Williams College and Schools continued to make healthy progress during the year just closed. Although its programme could not be expanded in scope because of the limitation of facilities, it has been strengthened at many points, and the pressure for enlarged facilities continues to increase.

Particularly in the Evening Division of its Faculties of Arts, Science and Commerce, the College is assuring an expanding role in the educational life of Montreal. It is demonstrating in a dramatic way, the capacity of the Young Men's Christian Association to promote, through formal education, the first stated purpose of the founders of the Association 105 years ago, "the spiritual and mental development of young men in the trades".

The granting of the new Provincial Charter, a year ago, whereby the College was designated "a university within the Province of Quebec", has greatly enhanced its standing, and made possible some important developments in academic recognition, which had previously not been achieved. It is confidently to be hoped that this process will continue, and that the quality of the work of the College will enable it to maintain this new position, not only among other institutions of higher education, but in business and industry, and in the community at large, in which the majority of its graduates must find place.

Enrollment during the academic year 1948-49 reached a new high point in the regular units of the College and Schools, a total of 5190 students compared with 4860 the previous year. Of these 2742 were in the Faculties of Arts, Science and Commerce, compared with 2418 last year. The complete registration statistics for the winter term 1948-49 are as follows:

	Day	Evening	Total
1. College (Faculties of Arts, Science & Commerce)	765	1977	2742
2. High School	-	1009	1009
3. Elementary School	-	103	103
4. Business School	241	766	1007
5. Art School	100	229	329
Total, Winter Term.	1106	4084	5190

The Summer Term of 1948 had about the same enrollment as the previous year, as follows:

1. College (Faculties of Arts, Science & Commerce) - Evening	522
2. High School - Evening	236
3. Business School, Day & Evening	223
Total, Summer Term, 1948	981

The graduation of 147 students in June, 1948, swelled to 646 the number of Bachelor's degrees granted by the College since the inception of its four-year programme of studies. It is anticipated that about 190 persons will be graduated at this year's Convocation.

The growth of the College and Schools over the past twenty-five years is illustrated by the following record of enrollment.

	College Day	College Eve.	Col. Total	Schools Day	Schools Eve.	Schools Total	Total College & Schools.
1925-26	-	-	-	-	-	702	702
1929-30	-	30	30	36	1170	1206	1236
1932-33	76	100	176	136	691	827	1003
1936-37	135	238	373	153	789	942	1238
1940-41	214	624	838	413	1247	1660	2498
1944-45	360	1132	1492	290	1678	1968	3460
1948-49	765	1977	2742	341	2107	2448	5190

The staff of the College and Schools during the year consisted of 220 persons, of whom 63 were full-time employees, and of whom 136 were related directly to the Faculties of Arts, Science and Commerce.

The College continued to take important part in the education of veterans, there being 184 enrolled in the Day Division under rehabilitation benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. About one-third of these

will be graduated this year, however, and the numbers thus enrolled may be expected to decrease considerably in the next term. Since 1944, the provision of extra accommodation for student veterans has been a constant and pressing demand upon the College, and as the intensity of the rehabilitation programme relaxes, we take some pride in the record of service which has been achieved. The appreciation of the Veterans themselves for this service was demonstrated this year by the establishment of a War Memorial Scholarship, "for the son or daughter of a service man or woman who died during, or as a result of, World War II". An initial fund of $1400 has been raised by the Veterans themselves, and will be augmented by them in coming years.

The usual rich series of extra-curricular activities was carried on, in both day and evening divisions, with a more than ordinarily successful programme of athletics. More than 50 different organized groups were involved in these activities.

The counselling and guidance programme continued to be an integral part of the College's service to students. The Student Counsellor and his two part-time assistants were consulted by hundreds of day and evening students regarding vocational and personal problems, and the Careers Library and Reading Room provided a constant source of information.

The academic year 1948-49 marked the seventy-fifth year of formal educational work in the Montreal Y.M.C.A. and the twentieth since the establishment of the Faculties of Arts, Science and Commerce. That it has an important and useful service to render to the youth of Montreal, cannot now be questioned.